

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 26, 2019

10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion

Memorial Day



Sunday Services at 8 and 10 AM • Wed. Service at 10 AM • Sat. Service at 5 PM

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WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

If you are new to our congregation, please let us know by getting a name tag at the Welcome Center outside and completing a newcomer card, found either at the Welcome enter or in the pew rack in front of you.

Childcare is available: During the service, infants to age 5 are welcome in the Nursery, located on the first floor of the education wing, accessed through the double doors next to the elevator.

We have **gluten-free wafers** available: Please make your request known at the altar rail.

Restrooms are located to the right as you go through the arch off the breezeway.

Following the service we welcome everyone for coffee and refreshments in Kirk Hall, located on the first floor. Turn right after passing through the arch off the passageway between the buildings.

A gentle reminder: As a courtesy during the church service, please be sure to turn your **cell phone off** or put it on the vibrate setting.

If you read music, the music for the hymns may be found in our blue Hymnal [located in the pew rack.] All service music marked "S" is found in the front section of The Hymnal.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

[During the Prelude, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.]

PRELUDE

Elegy

G. Thalben-Ball

[Please stand when the chimes sound.]

Symbols in the Bulletin: **P** Priest, **D** Deacon, **C** Congregation, **L** Leader, **All** Everyone.

GATHERING HYMN

O Beautiful, For Spacious Skies

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[Please stand.]

C *O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.*

*O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.*

*O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MISSION MOMENT

[Please be seated.]

EASTER ACCLAMATION

[Please stand.]

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

GATHERING PRAYER

P We gather in the name of our Easter God:
C **Our Risen Lord transforms darkness into light, hatred into tolerance,
despair into hope.**

P We rejoice in the power of our Easter God:
C **Our Father's love redeems every Good Friday nightmare into the promise
of eternal life.**

P We embrace the purposes of our Easter God:
C **The Holy Spirit challenges us to leave tomb-like safety and invites us to live
our faith boldly.**

P We are Easter people:
C **We are a sign that indeed miracles happen, and that with God,
all things are possible.**

AD *When morning gilds the skies, my heart, awaking, cries,
may Jesus Christ be praised!
When evening shadows fall, this rings my curfew call,
may Jesus Christ be praised!*

*When mirth for music longs, this is my song of songs:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
God's holy house of prayer hath none that can compare
with: Jesus Christ be praised!*

*Ye nations of mankind, in this your concord find:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray... Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

WORD OF GOD

THE READINGS: Ezekiel 40:2; 47:6–9,12 • Psalm 67 • Acts 16:9–15 • John 5:1–9

[Please be seated.]

The First Reading:

L *The First Reading is taken from Ezekiel, chapter 40...*

In God's visions, he brought me to the land of Israel and set me down on a very high mountain, where there was a city structure to the south.

He said to me, "Human one, do you see?" Then he led me back to the edge of the river. When I went back, I saw very many trees on both banks of the river. He said to me, "These waters go out to the eastern region, flow down the steep slopes, and go into the Dead Sea. When the flowing waters enter the sea, its water becomes fresh. Wherever the river flows, every living thing that moves will thrive. There will be great schools of fish, because when these waters enter the sea, it will be fresh. Wherever the river flows, everything will live.

But on both banks of the river will grow up all kinds of fruit-bearing trees. Their leaves won't wither, and their fruitfulness won't wane. They will produce fruit in every month, because their water comes from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for eating, their leaves for healing."

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Metrical Psalm 67: [Tune: *Praise God, From Whom*]

**May God be merciful to us, Bless us, shine on us from above;
Let all earth's peoples know your ways, All nations know your saving love.**

**Let all the nations praise you, Lord; Let them be glad and sing your praise;
Let all the peoples of the earth Observe the justice of your ways.**

**Let all the nations praise you, Lord, And may the earth yield its increase;
Then God, our God, will bless our land And nations worship you in peace**

The Second Reading:

📖 *The Second Reading is taken from Acts, chapter 16...*

A vision of a man from Macedonia came to Paul during the night. He stood urging Paul, "Come over to Macedonia and help us!" Immediately after he saw the vision, we prepared to leave for the province of Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We sailed from Troas straight for Samothrace and came to Neapolis the following day. From there we went to Philippi, a city of Macedonia's first district and a Roman colony. We stayed in that city several days. On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the riverbank, where we thought there might be a place for prayer. We sat down and began to talk with the women who had gathered. One of those women was Lydia, a Gentile God-worshipper from the city of Thyatira, a dealer in purple cloth. As she listened, the Lord enabled her to embrace Paul's message. Once she and her household were baptized, she urged, "Now that you have decided that I am a believer in the Lord, come and stay in my house." And she persuaded us.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

📖 **Thanks be to God.**

ACCLAMATION

[Please stand.]

Celtic Alleluia

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Gospel:

Ⓓ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

🔊 **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Ⓓ After this there was a Jewish festival, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate in the north city wall is a pool with the Aramaic name Bethesda. It had five covered porches, and a crowd of people who were sick, blind, lame, and paralyzed sat there. A certain man was there who had been sick for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, knowing that he had already been there a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?"

The sick man answered him, "Sir, I don't have anyone who can put me in the water when it is stirred up. When I'm trying to get to it, someone else has gotten in ahead of me."

Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." Immediately the man was well, and he picked up his mat and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath.

Ⓓ The Gospel of the Lord.

🔊 **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

Cindy Roehl

[Please be seated.]

SERMON HYMN

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

🔊 ***There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment giv'n.***

***There is welcome for the sinner, and a promised grace made good;
there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.
There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.***

***For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
But we make this love too narrow by false limits of our own;
and we magnify its strictness with a zeal God won't condone.***

THE NICENE CREED

[Please stand.]

- AI** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[Please stand, kneel, or sit, as you choose.]

- D** Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God who has delivered all people from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, let us lift our voices and pray.
- L** Risen Lord, we pray for your Church, that it may continue your work of reconciling all people to God; for our clergy and our bishops; for the many lay people who serve the church and serve others through the church.
- G** **We pray for all gathered here in worship and prayer, here and around the world.**
- L** Risen Lord, we pray that the joy of Easter may ever grow within us and the nations and peoples of the world, that the powers that oppress and destroy may cease.
- G** **We pray that a passion for justice, peace, and the common good will fill each of our hearts, and for the Spirit to guide us in lives of active faith.**
- L** Risen Lord, we pray for those who are sick, those who suffer, and those who struggle, [especially for... *add names from notebook*]. Please add the names of those on your heart, either silently or aloud. [*Leave time...*] Comfort, restore and heal them.
- G** **We pray that the troubles facing us will teach us that we endure nothing alone, but that you are always present, creating, redeeming and sustaining us every step of our journey through life.**

℣ Risen Lord, we give thanks for the multitude of gifts you shower upon us, for the beauty of this home you have created for us, and especially for the flowers given today to your glory by Becky and Gus Robbins-Penniman in thanksgiving for their 43rd wedding anniversary, and for the blessings of this life, [especially... *read items from notebook.*] Grant us a sense of joy and wonder in all your works.

☞ **We give thanks for our lives and the lives of our families, friends, and neighbors near and far, and praise you for your mercy and care for us.**

℣ Risen Lord, we pray for those who have died, [especially for... *add names from notebook*]. Please add the names of those on your heart, silently or aloud. [*Leave time ...*] May the hope born of Easter give both them and us peace, acceptance and renewal.

☞ **Heavenly Father, grant that all who now celebrate these joyful holy days here on earth may praise you forever, with all the angels and saints in heaven. We ask this through your risen Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS

[Those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries or special occasions may receive an individual blessing.]

THE GREETING OF PEACE

[*Please stand.*]

℣ The peace of the Lord be always with you.

☞ **And also with you.** (*All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

℣ Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all. Bring your tithes, gifts and offerings with a heart full of gladness.

OFFERTORY

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

Sacred Harp

[*Please be seated.*]

PRESENTATION

[*Please stand when the plates are given to the Deacon.*]

℣ We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God's world.

PRESENTATION HYMN

Praise God, From Whom

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℣ ***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER [Enriching Our Worship 1]

P The Lord be with you.

G **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

G **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

G **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. We praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with Angels and Archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

P Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

- Ⓟ As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Ⓜ Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

- Ⓟ Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

CELTIC AMEN

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- Ⓟ And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Ⓜ Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

- Ⓟ Alleluia. God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

☒ We come with joy to the Supper of the Lamb of God. Alleluia.

- Ⓟ The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

[You may be seated. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn to go to the altar rail. You may stand or kneel. To receive, hold your hands in front of you, one palm over the other. The priest will place a wafer there. You may either consume it immediately, and then sip from the cup of wine when it comes to you, or, you may wait and dip the wafer into the wine. When you are finished, please return to your seat by the side aisle.]

Our Prayer Team will be in the south narthex (at the back of the church) during Holy Communion to pray with you for healing, guidance, a loved one, or anything else on your heart.

CHOIR HYMN

[Please remain seated.]

CHANT

Come, My Way

[Please repeat this chant until the musician stops playing the tune.]

**Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as killeth death.**

**Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a light as shows a feast;
such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes his guest.**

**Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a joy as none can move;
such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

P Let us pray...

G **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

[Please stand.]

P The God who is creating a new heaven and a new earth, who walks where least expected, who disturbs the comfortable and comforts the distressed, and whom death could not control, now sends you out to announce with your lives that the Lord is risen indeed. Go, you are blessed in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

G **Amen.**

AI *Almighty Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.*

*O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain o'er which our traffic runs amain
by mountain pass or valley low; wherever, Lord, thy people go,
protect them by thy guarding hand from every peril on the land.*

*O Spirit, whom the Father sent to spread abroad the firmament;
O Wind of heaven, by thy might save all who dare the eagle's flight,
and keep them by thy watchful care from every peril in the air.*

*O Trinity of love and power, our people shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee glad praise from space, air, land, and sea.*

THE DISMISSAL

D Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve our Risen Lord!
C **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso

G. F. Handel

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